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FOR : DICHMAN NEA/ARP FROM CHARGE

E.O.: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SECNAV VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF : A. SECNAV 261808Z JUN 74; B. JIDDA 3837;

C. SECNAV 082208Z JUL 74

1. REF A SUGGESTED POSSIBLE SECNAV VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA SEPT 22-23. BY REF B WE WELCOMED VISIT BUT SUGGESTED IT BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER RAMADAN. REF C INFORMED US ORIGINAL PLANS CANCELLED AND NEW SCHEDULE BEING DRAWN UP.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS SINCE REF C BUT HAVE JUST HEARD INFORMALLY THAT SECNAV MAY BE PLANNING TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA SEPT 9-10.

3. CHIEF OF U.S. ARMY ENGINEERS, LT. GEN. GRIBBLE WILL BE MAKING LONG-PLANNED VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA SEPT 7-11. WE CAN MANAGE BOTH VISITS TO SAUDI ARABIA IN SAME PERIOD. (GIVEN THE WAY SCHEDULE OF VISITORS THIS FALL IS SHAPING UP, NO ALTERNATIVE DATES WE MIGHT PROPOSE FOR SECNAV VISIT WOULD NECESSARILY BE BETTER.) WE WOULD, HOWEVER, PREFER THAT BOTH VISITORS NOT BE IN JIDDA AT SAME TIME AS BOTH WILL PROBABLY BE AMBASSADOR'S HOUSEGUEST. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KEEP THEIR
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SCHEDULES SEPARATE ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. THEREFORE,

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IF SECNAV VISIT ON OR OFF.
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